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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (previously presented): An immunomodulatory polynucleotide/microcarrier (IMP/MC) complex, comprising:

a polynucleotide covalently linked to the surface of a biodegradable microcarrier (MC), wherein said polynucleotide comprises the sequence 5'-CG-3', wherein the polynucleotide is greater than 6 nucleotides in length and wherein said MC is less than 10  $\mu\text{m}$  in size.

Claims 2-3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (original): The IMP/MC complex of claim 1, wherein said microcarrier is a liquid phase microcarrier.

Claim 5 (original): The IMP/MC complex of claim 1, wherein said microcarrier is a solid phase microcarrier.

Claim 6 (original): The IMP/MC complex of claim 1, wherein said microcarrier is from 25 nm to 5  $\mu\text{m}$  in size.

Claim 7 (original): The IMP/MC complex of claim 6, wherein said microcarrier is from 1.0  $\mu\text{m}$  to 2.0  $\mu\text{m}$  in size.

Claim 8 (original): The IMP/MC complex of claim 7, wherein said microcarrier is 1.4  $\mu\text{m}$  in size.

Claim 9 (original): The IMP/MC complex of claim 1, wherein said microcarrier is cationic.

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